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**To:** Bob Perciasepe/DC/USEPA/US@EPA  
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Mr. Robert Perciasepe  
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Dear Mr. Perciasepe,

I am writing to urge you to use your authority under the Clean Water Act to protect Bristol Bay, Alaska.

I have fished the Bristol bay area of SW Alaska for 20+year . It is the most productive salmon habitat in the world. The entire ecosystem is dependent on the salmon. To risk this magnificent resource is unthinkable. The Pebble Mine would do just that. No open pit mine has ever been shown to prevent contamination of surrounding rivers and streams which is often catastrophic. There is no evidence that this mine would be any different. Thanks for your consideration.

Tom Rudd

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Often referred to as "America's fish basket," Bristol Bay is home to the most valuable salmon fishing ground in the United States. As the EPA noted in its Watershed Assessment, the Bristol Bay watershed supports all five species of North American Pacific salmon. With an annual return of 37.5 million sockeye, Bristol Bay represents 46% of the world's sockeye salmon and this area has sustained Alaskan Native communities for centuries.

Allowing the Pebble Mine to open up right at the headwaters of two of the major rivers that flow into Bristol Bay would put the entire ecosystem at risk and we just can't afford that.

Building this mine -- in a best-case scenario, with no leaks or failures -- would destroy up to 90 miles of salmon stream and any leaks from the mine could have catastrophic effects on the entirety of Bristol Bay. The Watershed Assessment also found that Bristol Bay's wild salmon fishery and other ecological resources provide at least 14,000 full and part time jobs and is valued at about \$480 million annually. The Pebble Mine could put all those jobs at risk, damage Native Alaskan communities' way of life, and devastate our nation's salmon supply.

For the sake of our wildlife, waterways, and communities, I ask that you protect Bristol Bay and prevent this horrible open-pit mine from destroying one of our nation's most precious ecosystems.

Sincerely,

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